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REMARKS

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The Reden Tunnel at Ruedersdorf-Kalkberge (N 53/V 14), which was used as a wartime air raid shelter and an emergency shelter for a ball-bearing plant, was improved in 1948 under the supervision of a Soviet unit. Additional rooms were blasted into the rock. Upon completion of the blasting work, German workmen were prohibited from entering the tunnel. In 1949, the installation was occupied by an engineer unit which had the designation 101st Construction Staff. This unit resumed the improvement of the installation and installed interior fixtures. The underground accommodations consisted of about 100 rooms on each of the three main corridors which ran approximately parallel to each other; and two large halls. All rooms were completely furnished. The installation had its own transformer station and a telephone and teletype central, from which seven trunk lines ran to the east via Herzfelde, Luencheberg, Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin, allegedly as far as the U.S.S.R.; and several field wire lines, allegedly to Karlshorst and Potsdam. Upon completion of the construction work in 1949, the installation was inspected by Marshal Zhukov. Guards stated that the installation would house a headquarters in case of war. Prior to the beginning of March 1951, the installation was guarded by a detail of some officers and about 20 EM. In early March 1951, another 260 men arrived there from Frankfurt/Oder. These new troops, about half of whom shipped out again to an undetermined destination by April 1951. The underground installation was considered bomb-proof, since it was topped by a layer of earth and rock, 15 to 25 meters thick. The main entrance was on the north side of Reden Strasse, north of the market square, and was about 3 meters high and 6 meters wide. Exits were located on the south shore of Heinitz Lake. \*

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25X1 agency.                      the installation at Ruedersdorf-Kalkberge was com- 25X1  
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elements of the Soviet agencies which left Karlshorst in mid-November 1950 had moved  
into the underground installation.                      mentioned in the  
present report belongs to a railroad construction unit in Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 86) which  
is in charge of Soviet-sponsored building projects in the Niederbarnim area.

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